

RIVERS ON A RAMPAGE

Heavy Rains Continue to Overflow Kansas Streams.

UNION DEPOT FLOODED

TRADE AND TRAFFIC ABANDON-ED AT KANSAS CITY, KANS.

Damage Not Expected to Attain Tremendous Losses of Last Year's Flood—Conditions Elsewhere.

KANSAS CITY, July 8.—At 10 o'clock this morning the sun came out at Kansas City and west as far as Topeka, and rain that has fallen for several hours ceased. At Abeline and Manhattan, Kan., however, rain, which began at 4 o'clock this morning, continues, and the Smoky Hill, at the former place, and the Kaw, at Manhattan, began to rise again.

All of the west bottoms on the Missouri river, including the union depot and the great wholesale district of Kansas City, will have been covered with water before the day has closed.

A break in the Kaw river near Armourdale, Kan., late last night, sending a current of water into the bottoms, that first inundated the outer railroad yards and finally crept north, flooded cellars in the wholesale houses and spread out toward the union depot.

Less Damage Than Last Year.

The water rose slowly and while it undoubtedly will do great damage, it is not believed the tremendous losses of last year will be duplicated. This will be so because the water is not expected to reach so high a stage as last year, and because merchants had taken warning from their experiences of a year ago, and removed their goods to higher ground or to upper stories.

This morning a heavy rain storm started in at Kansas City and west to Topeka, which will send the Kaw still higher. Late yesterday the Kaw at Armourdale had become stationary. West of here, at Lawrence and Topeka, it was reported falling at midnight, and while a two and one-half-foot rise was predicted for some time today as a result of the tributaries in Kansas pouring their waters in the Kaw, it was believed that this would come very slowly, and be carried off without entering the west bottoms, where such disastrous results followed last year's overflow. The water became stationary, it was stated by Observer Connor, because it was spreading out above here and no great damage might be looked for.

Steel Bridges Form a Dam.

At midnight, however, the large steel bridges of the Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific railroads near the stock yards and directly across the Kaw from Armourdale formed a dam, against which a great quantity of lumber and wreckage formed. The water, finally deflected by these barriers, forced its way into the west bottoms through the railroads. Soon all the western traffic south and west was stopped, and as the water began to creep further north toward the great wholesale houses a number of men were set to work removing goods and what property could be taken away.

This morning the Kaw river had reached a height of 24 feet, a rise of one foot and ten inches in twenty-four hours up to that time. The high mark reached in June, 1903, was thirty-seven feet. The water rose gradually and was four feet deep at St. Louis avenue and Hickory street, within three blocks of the highest point in the bottoms, namely, the union depot.

Precautions at Union Depot.

At the union station every precaution was taken to protect the baggage, express packages and other movable property.

The Belt Line bridge, the Rock Island bridge and the new Metropolitan street railway bridge at James street, connecting the bottoms with Kansas City, Kan., were damaged severely during the night, but are still intact. These are new steel structures, and it is believed will be saved. Six hundred men are working to protect their approaches.

In Convention Hall, on the Missouri side, which had been opened to the people driven from Armourdale and Argentine, temporary cots and bedding were arranged for the homeless and preparations started to feed them.

In Kansas City, Kan., also hundreds were crowded for in churches, public buildings and in many private homes. Many of the Santa Fe and the Rock Island, moved with out trouble. Many west bound passengers are stalled here. A few trains on each of the western roads were sent west by circuitous routes over their roads, going south as far as Joplin. Besides telegraphing Secretary Taft for help, Mayor Gilbert wired Senator Lodge and Representative Rogers, asking them to assist in securing aid from the government.

Action on First Danger Sign.

With the first signs of danger in the west bottoms, hurried messages were sent for wagons and idle men on the streets were pressed into service removing goods from the threatened district. Soon a string of vehicles began moving to and from the bottoms. Chief Hayes sent twenty additional patrolmen to assist the regular detail.

In the business district there are several squatters' settlements. Many business houses had water in basements and stocks were moved to second floors. Today water began running into the barber shop in the basement of the Blossom House, directly across Union avenue from the union depot.

Householders Panic-Stricken.

Some of those who lived on the second floor of houses seemed as panic-stricken as the rest, and several merchants along West 9th street not only carted away their stocks of goods, but took their fixtures as well.

Many people were unable to secure wagons, and along every street trudge women, carrying bundles of clothing and other hastily collected valuables. The big wholesale houses were scenes of great activity all day. In all these houses and along the river in Missouri from Kansas City toward the east bottoms, where the yards of the Missouri Pa-

Open Until
9 O'clock
Tomorrow
Night.

"Peach Bloom."
As delightful to the taste as the peach bloom is to the eye. Made of pure fruit and served with ice cream. A glass, at the fountain tomorrow
5c.
First floor.

S. KANN & SONS
8th ST. & PA. AVE.
"THE BUSY CORNER"

Maple Bon Bons.
Maple Cream Bon
Bons that have the
19c. delicious old-fash-
A lb. ioned maple sugar
taste.

Open Until
9 O'clock
Tomorrow
Night.

32 Housekeepers' Helps Cut in Price

Third Floor.

Note the Great Variety as Well as Unusual Prices.

Third Floor.

Blizzard Ice Cream Freezers, double motion, clear cedar tubs, 4-quart size, nickel covers, cut to... \$1.98

Perfection Blue-flame Oil Stove, odorless and smokeless; non-explosive; 3 burner on cabinet stand. Guaranteed. Cut to... \$7.95

All-white Enamel Berlin Kettles, with bail handle and cover, 6-pint size, cut to... 39c.

Crystal Glass Lemonade or Water Tumblers; clear; cut to... 13c.

Enterprise Meat or Food Choppers, complete with 4 different knives. Cut to... 95c.

Crystal Glass Lemonade or Water Pitchers, 4-gal. size; 2 handsome shapes; cut to... 4c.

All-white Enamel Tea Kettles, 8-pint size, cut to... 49c.

Crystal Glass Lemonade or Water Pitchers, 4-gal. size; 2 handsome shapes; cut to... 25c.

Lawn or Garden Hose, 25-ft., 5-ply, high-pressure hose, complete with nozzle and couplings, on hardwood hose reel, choice of red or black jacket. Cut to... \$3.79

LAWN WAISTS. SILK.

These are certainly extreme values.

\$1.00. Worth \$2.00.

\$2.95. Worth \$5.50.

Two Novelties in LEATHER BAGS.

Called so undoubtedly because in addition to containing a card case and purse it has a mirror. This bag is shaped like an envelope, with wallet flap, and fastens with brass clasp. It has double pocket for bills and double straps. A very pretty bag and only 98c.

NOVELTY PURSES

Of lizard skin, with card case, purse and mirror, with wallet flap and clasp. Instead of a handle it has strap like finger purse. \$1.49

SHIRT WAIST SUITS.

Cotton, \$1.98.

Both Lots Reduced.

Silk, \$10.

Vacationists' Stationery.

Articles that are necessary to take away and that will contribute greatly to your pleasure.

Handy books for mounting photos, dark or light leaves; will hold 32 mounts—

Size 4 1/2x5 1/2 inches or 5 1/2x7 1/2 inches. 9c.

7 by 10 in. 10c. 10 by 12 in. 19c.

Lincoln Fountain Pens, will be kept filled with ink one year FREE. Usually \$1.25. Special tomorrow. 75c.

Writing Pads of cobweb and onion skin paper. Will not take up much room. Special, 3 for... 25c.

Children's Dainty Note Paper, a box... 10c.

Miniature Playing Cards, a pack... 10c.

Miniature Poker Chips, 1 in., 100 assorted, for... 25c.

Kann's Special Playing Paper, box contains 24 sheets paper and 24 wallet-flap envelopes. White, violet, blue; was 19c. Tomorrow... 13c.

First Floor.

Toilet Articles

That You Require Always.

Hair Brushes, solid backs. Considered a bargain at 10c. Special at... 10c.

French Tooth Brushes, pure bristle, 10c. kind for... 5c.

20-Mule Team Pure Powdered Borax, with handsome Gibson picture, a box... 12c.

La Blanche Face Powder, a box... 25c.

Mahon's Talcum Powder, 5c. kinds, 3 boxes for... 10c.

Dr. Sheffield's Cream Dentifrice... 12c.

Lundborg's Swiss Lilac Perfume, an oz... 25c.

Rubioam, a bottle... 18c.

Williams' Shaving Soap, a cake... 6c.

Physicians and Surgeons' Soap, 4 cakes to morning for... 25c.

Brown's French Shoe Dressing... 3c.

Dr. White's Toilet Paper, 7 rolls for... 25c.

FREE—Ask for sample package of Bathasweet—a perfumed luxury for the bath.

First Floor.

Clearance Sale of Summer Shoes.

Our clearance sale of Summer Footwear is still in progress. Many have availed themselves of the savings offered. If you haven't as yet, come tomorrow.

Our best and most stylish Tan and Black Low Shoes, in all the fashionable leathers, and all style heel and toes. Were \$3.50 to \$5. Clearance price—

Choice of Tan or Black Oxfords, that sold for \$2.50 and \$3, in all leathers, styles and sizes, for... \$3.19 \$2.29

All sizes in Children's and Misses' White Canvas Oxfords, Gibson Ties and Roman Sandals. For clearance—

69c. to \$1.39.

98c. to \$1.79.

Barefoot Sandals, in all sizes up to 2. Clearance—

69c.

Bathing Suits.

\$2.98.

Were \$3.75 to \$4.50.

Made of good brilliant, black and navy, and fashioned in late smart styles. Bathing Sandals, 35c.

Shoes, 25c. and 50c.

Caps, 19c. and 25c.

Sun Hats of rubber, 79c.

Water Wings, 25c.

Pneumatic Sleeves, \$2.50.

Second Floor.

Ready-to-Wear Hats For Women and Children.

Stylish hats that are ready for immediate wear cost little tomorrow.

Children's Rolling Sailors, trimmed with ribbon bands and streamers. Plain natural straw and combinations of colors. Worth up to \$1.50. Choice tomorrow... 48c.

Choice of an excellent lot Ready-to-wear Hats, prettily trimmed, good colors and stylish shapes. Were \$1.50 and \$2.00. Cut to... 75c.

Flat Crown Trimmed Sailors, plain and rough straws. Cut to... 48c.

Second Floor.

Children's Gloves,

10c.

None worth less than 25c.

Lisle Thread and Taffeta Silk—gray, mode, tan, white.

First floor.

Extra Size Hosiery.

Women's extra size and width Lace Lisle Hose, full seamless and usual 25c. qualities. Special at... 19c.

Women's extra width Cotton Hose, in black with split feet and black with white feet; full regular made; Hermsdorf dye, 35c. and 39c. qualities. Special at... 29c.

Women's extra width Black All-over Lace Lisle Hose, full regular made; Hermsdorf dye, 50c. quality. Reduced to... 35c.

First Floor.

Croquet Sets,

\$1.00 up.

CROQUET SETS, with 8 balls in set, hardwood, \$1.00, \$1.49 to \$2.79.

CROQUET SETS, with 8 balls, in boxwood, with band on mallet, for \$5.50.

Fourth Floor.

Tabard Inn.

Are You a Member?

It will be a good time to join before the new year. Any of the new copyrights can be secured at the cut price of \$1.08. It costs but 10c. for a case.

Exchangeable anywhere you may go for 5c.

Third Floor.

Jewelry.

Some Less Than Half.

25c. Sash Pins for... 10c.

25c. Gold-plated Cuff Pins, assorted designs... 18c.

50c. Bar Pins, set with 16 rhinestones on gilt or silver... 25c.

50c. Bead Chains, in all colors... 10c.

First Floor.

Delineator, 15c. AUGUST NUMBER. Designer, 10c.

(Out today.) 3d Floor.

Two Kinds Ribbed Vests, 15c.

Women's Jersey-fitting Vests, high neck, long sleeves, bleached; pearl buttons. Usual 25c. quality. Special at 15c.

Women's Low Neck, No-sleeve Vests, Richelieu ribbed, lace trimmed; neck and arms run with silk tapes. Usual 25c. kind. Special at... 15c.

First Floor.

White Dresses

For Little Ones.

Children's White Nainsook Dresses, round yoke of tucks, trimmed at neck and sleeves with dainty edge; full skirts, deep hem. 6 months to 2 years... 39c.

6 styles Children's White Nainsook Dresses, yokes of tucks, and some bishop style. Trimmed in embroidery and inserting. Sizes 6 months to 2 years... 50c.

Second Floor.

Thin Undermuslins.

Frequent changes of undermuslins during warm weather requires a goodly supply.

You can always make a good choice from the large number of different style Undermuslins here displayed—and you pay the lowest prices.

Night Gowns.

Muslin Night Gowns, high round or V neck, yokes of 2 rows embroidery insertion and pin tucks; Mother Hubbard style. Long or elbow sleeves. A 11 50c.

Cambrie Gowns, with square neck, trim in embroidery insertion and edged with hemstitched ruffle; ribbon... 68c.

10 styles Cambrie and Nainsook Gowns, elbow sleeves, yokes of plain embroidery and tucks, trimmed in lace, embroidery and ribbon. Some with kimono... 98c.

Corset Covers.

Black Lawn Corset Covers, full front, sizes 34 to 46. 25c.

5 styles Cambrie Corset Covers, trimmed in 4 rows bunch tucks or Point de Paris lace; some trimmed in torchon lace and embroidery... 25c.

7 styles Nainsook Corset Covers, round neck, trimmed in fine lace, embroidery and tucks, ribbon; trimmed neck and 50c.

Petticoats.

7 styles Cambrie and Muslin Petticoats, umbrellas ruffles of tucks, trimmed in hemstitching; extra dust ruffle, lengths 40 to 44 inches... 98c.

Muslin Petticoats with cambrie ruffle, small ruffle edged in torchon or embroidery edge; extra dust 59c.

Golf Petticoats of lawn, 34 to 38 inches long, umbrellas ruffles trimmed in deep embroidery; dust 125c.

Second Floor.

BELTS, 49c. Leather.

Pretty and stylish enough to pay a half more for.

Taffeta silk, with silk ring in front and crochet buttons in back. Red, blue or black... 49c.

Tan, brown, black or white pleated leather belts... 49c.

5-inch Crush Belts, all colors... 49c.

PARASOLS, \$2.50.

Were \$4, \$5, \$6 and \$6.50.

If you want a really high-grade parasol and yet pay little for it here's your opportunity.

We have taken a lot of Fine Coaching and Trimmed All-silk Parasols in the most exclusive designs and with the newest handles, that sold for \$4, \$5, \$6 and \$6.50, and marked them tomorrow at \$2.50.

They are styles and colors that are most highly favored by women of fashion—and this fact, together with the low price, makes it a chance you should not miss.

First Floor—Bargain Tables.

"Samples" of Girls' Guimpe Dresses.

\$2.98 and \$3.98 Kind for - - - \$1.98.

The maker sent us 29 Children's and Misses' White India Linon Guimpe Dresses that had been used as samples.

They are of excellent quality material and splendidly made. Choice of 8 styles; that they were to have an opportunity of another examination this year. In this way the careless circulation of such reports might have very cruel results.

Rise in Wheat and Corn.

CHICAGO, July 8.—Rains in the southwest, strong cables and decreased Argentine shipments today sent September wheat up to 88 3/8c.

On continued wet weather September corn touched 50c to 50 1/2c, but declined to 49 1/2c on realizing. Influenced by grain, September oats steadied to 32 1/2c. September pork declined to 12.92c, lard to 7.12c, ribs to 7.07c.

Western Writers Elect Officers.

WARSAW, Ind., July 8.—The Western Writers' Association today elected the following officers: President, Charles Eugene Banks, Chicago; vice presidents, Mrs. E. S. L. Thompson, Indianapolis; H. M. Skinner, Chicago; John J. Platt, Cincinnati; Madison Cawen, Louisville; Eugene Ware, Topeka, Kan.; Elizabeth Richle, Omaha; Martin A. Swafford, Huntsville, and Charles Walter Brown, Missouri; secretary, Stephen Reynolds.

Acting Chief of Navigation.

Capt. John E. Pillsbury is acting chief of the naval bureau of navigation in the absence of Rear Admiral Taylor, who is making a tour of the great lakes.

If you want work read the want columns of The Star.

Not Improving at Wichita.

WICHITA, Kan., July 8.—The flood situation here today is not improving. Both the Big and Little Arkansas rivers are rising slowly, and messages from Halstead and Valley Center indicate that a rise of several inches more may be expected. Halstead is under water and so is Valley Center.

At the Wichita court house hundreds of persons who were forced out of their homes have been given shelter.

Waters Receding at Topeka.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 8.—The Kaw river here is falling slowly today. Soldier creek, which caused the greater part of the overflow in North Topeka, is receding slowly. A heavy rain fell here today and indications are for more.

Cruising in San Domingo Waters.

The Navy Department is informed that the cruisers Newark, Newport, Bancroft and Scorpion have arrived at Sanchez in their cruise around San Domingo. It is expected that the cruiser Des Moines will join the fleet in a day or two.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.

Naval Academy Authorities Close Lists for This Year.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., July 8.—It is neither expected nor desired by the authorities of the Naval Academy that there shall be any further entrance examinations to the Academy this year, and the officials are extremely annoyed that such an improbable rumor should be given currency. The statement that preparations are being made for such examinations is entirely untrue, and they are not even being contemplated.

The foundation for the story of the extra examinations is an entire misunderstanding of the circumstances, presumably the belief that it was necessary or desirable that

this year's class should be as large as that of last year, 317, by far the largest in the history of the academy. This is not the case, however, as last year there were 520 vacancies to fill, while this year there are only 440 vacancies, so the demand for midshipmen is not nearly so imperative, in fact, a simple problem in proportions would show that if this year's class reaches the number of 368, it would be in keeping with the 30 last year. There seems to be little doubt that this number will be reached or exceeded.

Another error of fact was the statement that 600 candidates were expected this year. As a matter of truth there were only 440 vacancies, as stated. The fact is that the story lacked official backing entirely, and is known to be improbable by any one having the slightest general knowledge of conditions.

The circulation of such reports is very disagreeable to the authorities of the Naval

Academy, and is calculated to bring about great disappointment and loss to the youths that they were to have an opportunity of another examination this year. In this way the careless circulation of such reports might have very cruel results.

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